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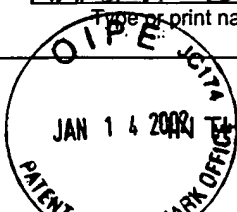
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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

APPLICATION NO: 09/856,769

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF
ACYLPHOSPHINES, ACYL OXIDES AND
ACYL SULFIDES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Notification of Missing Requirements dated July 5, 2001, has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 5, 2001. A Four-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 03-1935 in the amount of \$1,440.00 for payment of the extension fee. Two additional copies of this paper are here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 03-1935.

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